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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated November 22 2005, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application. The requirement for restriction, as set forth on page 2 of the outstanding Office Action, is respectfully traversed.

It is Applicants' understanding that a requirement for restriction must be based upon distinctions or differences in the definitions of the inventions that are restricted from one another, in particular, the manner in which the inventions are defined in the claims.

In support of the demarcation between the invention defined in Claims 1-6 and 8-14 and the invention defined in Claim 7, the explanation in paragraph 2, of page 2, of the outstanding